

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) Apparatus comprising:

an upper plate assembly comprising an upper plate which comprises a main portion, a first extension member and a second extension member, said extension members extending from said main portion at an angle;

a lower plate assembly comprising a lower plate, said lower plate assembly connected to said upper plate assembly;

a first side plate and a second side plate, said side plates connected to said lower plate assembly, each said side plate comprising a top and a bottom; and

an engaging assembly attached to said upper plate assembly and said lower plate assembly, engagement of said engaging assembly causes said bottom of said first side plate to move toward said bottom of said second side plate and further causes said lower plate assembly to move towards said upper plate assembly.

2. (previously presented) The apparatus in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said upper plate assembly comprises a top and a bottom, said upper plate assembly further comprises a front roller assembly and a back roller assembly, each roller assembly extending from said upper plate assembly bottom.

3. (previously presented) The apparatus in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said first side plate is pivotably connected to said lower plate assembly, said first side plate comprising a roller assembly configured to contact and move along said first extension member.

4. (previously presented) The apparatus in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising a biasing member connected to said first side plate, said biasing member for biasing said bottom of said first side plate away from said bottom of said second side plate.

5. (previously presented) The apparatus in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said biasing member extends between said first side plate and said second side plate.

6. (previously presented) The apparatus in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said lower plate assembly further comprises at least one guide pin and at least one biasing member, said upper plate assembly further comprising at least one guide pin receptacle for at least partially receiving a respective said guide pin, said biasing member biasing said lower plate assembly away from said upper plate assembly.

7. (previously presented) The apparatus in accordance with Claim 1 wherein each said side plate comprises a lower roller assembly.

8. (previously presented) The apparatus in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising a handle connected to said upper plate assembly.

9. (previously presented) The apparatus in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said engaging assembly comprises a lever attached to a connecting member, said lever pivotably attached to said upper plate assembly.

10. (currently amended) A tool for installing slats on a triangular slat holder, said tool comprising:

an upper plate assembly;

a lower plate assembly connected to said upper plate assembly;

a pair of side plates connected to said lower plate assembly, wherein each said side plate includes at least one roller assembly that extends beyond said side plate; and

an engaging assembly attached to said upper plate assembly and said lower plate assembly, engagement of said engaging assembly causes a bottom of said first side plate to move toward a bottom of said second side plate.

11. (previously presented) The tool in accordance with Claim 10 further comprising at least one roller assembly that extends beyond said lower plate assembly when said engaging assembly is engaged.

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The tool in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said lower plate assembly is biased away from said upper plate assembly with at least one biasing member.

14. (previously presented) The tool in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said side plates are connected to each other with at least one biasing member.

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